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This patent relates to a filter arrangement used for a waste gas purification unit of an internal combustion engine in a motor vehicle comprises porous filter plate elements joined in pairs to form filter cells on their outer periphery and inner periphery. Catalyst devices are arranged on the inside and/or outside of the filter cells. Preferred Features: Catalytically active foils are provided as the catalyst devices. The foils are connected at the outer or inner apexes of the filter cells to the filter plate elements and protrude freely into the outer or inner filter cells, especially radially to the longitudinal axis of the filter devices.

Examination of this application is respectfully requested.

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